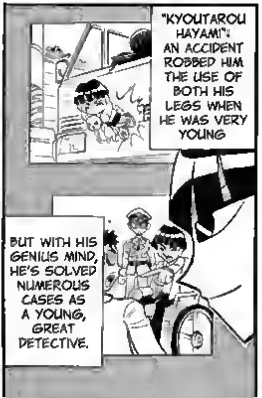
9:00 PM
THE OTOWA RESI-DENCE
.....
WE'LL SNEAK IN FROM THERE, HACHI
ALRIGHT. THE SECURITY IS LAX IN THAT LEFTMOST ROOM
R-RIGHT!
Hachi (assistant)
Phantom Thief Joker
NOW THEN, WHERE'S THE SAFE THAT HOLDS THE TREA-SURE?
ヤチャ
Hidden Timbre

WHA AAA AAA AAA AAA AT~ !!?
WHA-!?
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU'LL GO, JOKER.
THANKS FOR THE ADVICE YOU GAVE US.
WE MADE YOU THINK ONLY THIS ROOM'S SECURITY WAS LAX ON PURPOSE.
IN ORDER TO LEAD YOU TWO INSIDE.
Inside the room
THE POLICE OFFICERS YOU SAW THROUGH THE WINDOW WERE MERELY PAPER MACHE CUT OUTS BEING MOVED AROUND!
AAA
I DIDN'T COUNT THIS MANY INSIDE THE MANSION!!
ISN'T THIS MANY OFFICERS OVERKILL !?
WE WERE AMBUSHED !?

JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE FAMOUS DETECTIVE "KYOUTAROU HAYAMI"!!
OH NOT AT ALL. YOU FLATTER ME.

NOW I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
RIGHT!


"KYOUTAROU HAYAMI": AN ACCIDENT ROBBED HIM THE USE OF BOTH HIS LEGS WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG
BUT WITH HIS GENIUS MIND, HE'S SOLVED NUMEROUS CASES AS A YOUNG, GREAT DETECTIVE.

EEEEEP?!!!
ARREST JOKER~!!!

I WON'T FORGET THIS, YOU BLASTED DETECTIVE ~!!
YOU BLASTED DETEC-TIVE!!
I WON'T FOR-GET THIS!
?
FU FU FU ....
BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT THE SOLUTION TO THE RIDDLE I REQUESTED OF YOU?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR DETEC-TIVE
HEY! PII-CHAN!
I'M SORRY, IT'S MY FATHER'S PET.
ギュッ
The Otowa family
ギラーン
DON'T WORRY JUST WATCH AS I SOLVE "THE RIDDLE OF THE OTOWA FAMILY INHERITANCE"!
LISTEN WELL A DETECTIVE IS A BEAST WHO USES THE FANGS OF REASONING
TO TEAR THROUGH MYSTERIES SHROUDED IN DARKNESS

PANT, PANT... WHERE DID JOKER AND HIS ACCOM-PLICE GO?
INSPECTOR!! UP THERE!!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE!! FOLLOW THAT TRUCK!!

Looks like we fooled them good.
THANKS TO THE BLOW-UP DOLLS WE MADE OUT OF IMAGE GUM.
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE MANSION, HACHI!
RIGHT!
NOW, TIME FOR ROUND TWO.
Joker
Hachi
I FEEL NERVOUS
Image Gum disguise
We've arrested Joker
No need to worry anymore.
REALLY !?

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EK~
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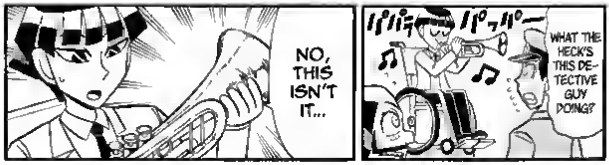
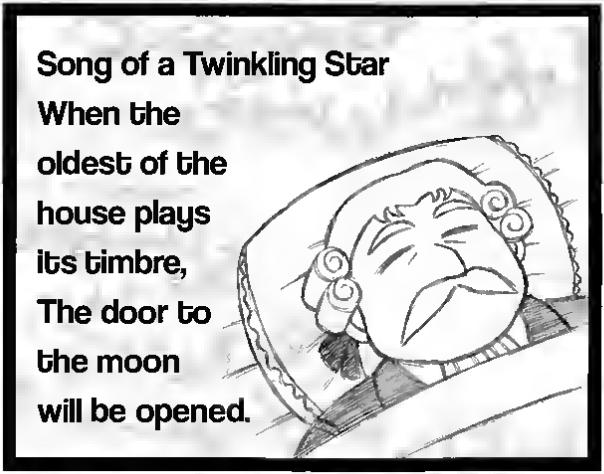

NO, THIS ISN'T IT...
WHAT THE HECK'S THIS DETECTIVE GUY DOING?

A-ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL THE CONTENTS OF THE SAFE!?
I'VE FIGURED OUT THAT MUCH, BUT
"A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT'S MELODY IS THE KEY TO OPENING THE SAFE."

OUR FATHER, TAIZOU OTOWA, WAS A FAMOUS COMPOSER.
(eldest son) Kazuo
BUT HALF A YEAR AGO, HE SUDDENLY FELL ILL AND PASSED AWAY...
(second son) Souji
AND NONE OF US KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE SAFE WITH OUR INHERITANCE IN IT.
(eldest daughter) Mitsuyo
NO, WE WERE THE ONES WHO ASKED HIM OF THIS
That's it!! That's the treasure I'm after!!
キラーン
"SHEET MUSIC FOR THE MOONLIGHT SUITE."
INSIDE THE SAFE SHOULD BE OUR FATHER'S UNPUBLISHED WORK,

IT SEEMS BEFORE HE DIED, MR. OTOWA LEFT THESE WORDS.
BUT THERE'S NO DIAL OR ANY-THING ON IT.
THAT'S RIGHT...
SO THIS IS THE SAFE IN QUES-TION?


Song of a Twinkling Star
When the oldest of the house plays its timbre, The door to the moon will be opened.

W-WHAT!? WHAT IS IT!?
WELL, I'VE PRETTY MUCH SOLVED THE RIDDLE.
I dont get it at all
.....

FIRST, THE "SONG OF A TWINKLING STAR" REFERS TO "TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR."
Twinkle twinkle little star~ How I wonder what you are~
THEN THE LAST PART, "DOOR TO THE MOON," IS IN REFERENCE TO THE MOONLIGHT SUITE MUSICAL SCORE INSIDE THE SAFE.
MEANING THAT SOMEHOW THIS SAFE USES SOUND RECOGNITION
IN ORDER TO OPEN.
I GET IT! SO IF YOU TAKE THE OLDEST INSTRUMENT IN THE HOUSE AND USE IT TO PLAY "TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR"
THE SAFE WILL OPEN!!
YOU SURE SEEMED FIRED UP ABOUT THIS.
WHY WOULDN'T I BE!? WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR JOKER'S ARREST AFTER ALL!!

IF THAT'S SETTLED, WE'LL GATHER UP ALL THE MUSICAL INTRUMENTS IN THE MANSION!!
RIGHT!!

NOW THEN, WILL YOU THREE HELP US SEARCH AS WELL?
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LET'S SEE— INSTRU-MENTS INSTRU-MENTS
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GOT IT!
I'LL LOOK OVER HERE
HACHI, YOU GO THAT WAY

W-WHAT'S THAT NOISE!?
UUUGHH!!
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EEE EEK ~!!
DON'T TELL ME THIS HOUSE IS HAUNTED!?
IS THERE SOMEONE DOWN HERE?
HEL-LO?
IT'S COMING FROM THE BASE-MENT!
WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT!
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T-THIS IS-!!
AH-!?

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YOU'RE
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YOU SAW
DIDN'T
YOU..?
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GAH-
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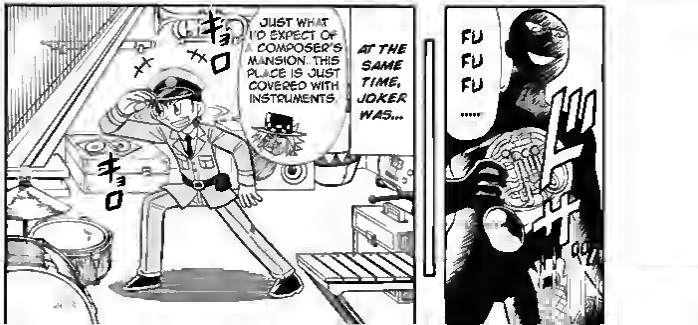
JUST WHAT
I'D EXPECT OF
A COMPOSER'S
MANSION. THIS
PLACE IS JUST
COVERED WITH
INSTRUMENTS.
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AT THE
SAME
TIME,
JOKER
WAS...
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WHO'S THERE!?
HEY! IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, SURRENDER!!
EE-!?
THIEF! THIEF!!
Just so you know, I'm not stealing these.
DON'T GET ME WRONG
GEEZ, JUST THE PARROT
IT SURE REMEMBERS SOME WEIRD PHRASES
PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
.....

YEAH!
IF WE CAN PLAY TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR WITH THE OLDEST INSTRUMENT, THE SAFE SHOULD OPEN
LIKE I SAID BEFORE,

Well whatever! I'll try starting us off.
HACHI'S PRETTY LATE.
IN THE BATHROOM MAYBE?

YUP, THIS ISN'T IT.
A PERFORMANCE LIKE THAT WOULD NEVER WORK!!
OEEEEEHH~!!!
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Let's keep going!
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US!!?
Officer, just leave it to the four of us.
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WHAT ABOUT THE PIANO?
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THEN THE GUITAR?
ジャン ジャーン
THE FLUTE?
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IT DIDN'T OPEN.
IT'S NO GOOD.
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S NOT IT.
WHEW~ THIS IS THE LAST ONE.
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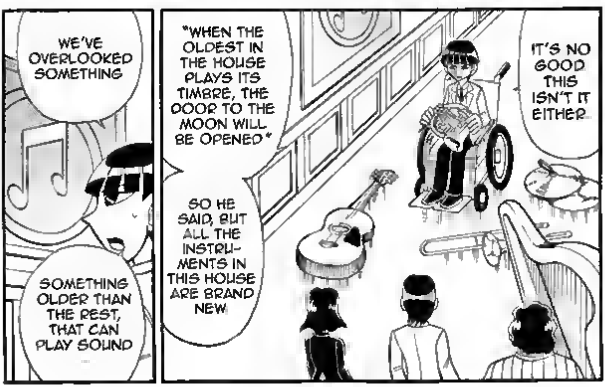
HM?

DID IT GET KNOCKED AGAINST SOME-THING SOME-WHERE?
THAT INSTRUMENT IS DENTED, ISN'T IT?
IT STILL PLAYS JUST FINE THOUGH

My bad, my bad
YOU SHOULD NEVER TALK IN THE MIDDLE OF A PERFOR-MANCE!


WE'VE OVERLOOKED SOMETHING
SOMETHING OLDER THAN THE REST, THAT CAN PLAY SOUND
"WHEN THE OLDEST IN THE HOUSE PLAYS ITS TIMBRE, THE DOOR TO THE MOON WILL BE OPENED"
SO HE SAID, BUT ALL THE INSTRU-MENTS IN THIS HOUSE ARE BRAND NEW
IT'S NO GOOD THIS ISN'T IT EITHER

IT FEELS LIKE I'LL GROW WINGS AND ASCEND TO HEAVEN ONCE I SOLVE IT.
WELL ISN'T THAT INTERESTING? IF THIS MYSTERY GETS any BIGGER,
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HAVE I REALLY OVERLOOKED SOMETHING!?
WHAT SOUND OPENS THAT SAFE?
WHAT ABOUT OUR FATHER'S INHERITANCE!?
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM! PLEASE HURRY UP AND OPEN THE SAFE!
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IT FEELS LIKE I'LL GROW WINGS AND ASCEND TO HEAVEN ONCE I SOLVE IT.
!?

IT SHOULD BE SOME-WHERE IN THE HINT!!
REMEM-BER!!

COULD IT BE!!?

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IS THERE AN INSTRUMENT WE HAVEN'T PLAYED YET!?
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KEEP LOOK-ING!

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YOU'RE A DETECTIVE, AREN'T YOU!? DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY!!
D-DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
WHY SO FLUSTERED? IT'S ALMOST AS IF SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T HURRY AND OPEN THAT SAFE.
L-LOOK AT THAT!!
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カチャ
!?
THE SAFE IS OPEN !!!

I'LL BE TAKING "SHEET MUSIC FOR THE MOONLIGHT SUITE", JUST LIKE I SAID!
O-OFFI-CER!?
NOPE I'M NO COP.
EEEEEHHH~!!?

FU FU FU...
.....
HOW DID YOU OPEN THE SAFE!?
JO-KER !!?
HE WAS DIS-GUISED ALL THIS TIME!?
T-THE PAR-ROT!?
LIIITLE STAR~
TWINKLE TWINKLE
USING HIM!!
BUT THEN WHAT WAS THE "OLDEST TIMBRE" ALL ABOUT!?
MR. OTOWA HAD HIS PARROT MEMORIZE THE MELODY OF TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR.
YOU KNOW HOW PARROTS CAN MIMIC HUMAN WORDS AND CHIMES AND OTHER SOUNDS, RIGHT?

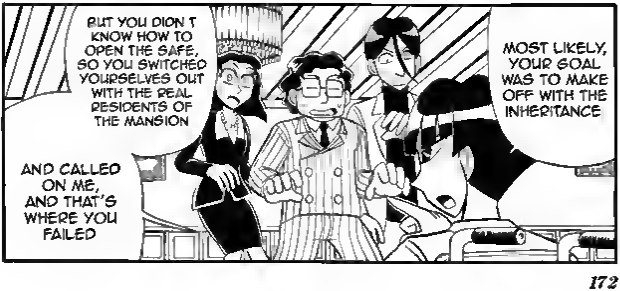
I'M NOT AN EXPERT OR ANYTHING, BUT LARGE PARROTS LIKE HIM LIVE FOR A LONG TIME.
SOME AS LONG AS 70 YEARS.
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF AGE, THIS PARROT IS "THE OLDEST INSTRUMENT IN THE HOUSE."
Parrot 40~76 years
Monkey 25~35 years
Cats & Dogs 14~15 years

AND THAT'S THE END OF MY EX-PLAINA-TION!
OH, I SEE

WELL, YOU'RE HALF RIGHT.
50 POINTS.
WHAT WAS THAT!?

YOU KNEW MY REAL IDENTITY ALL ALONG, RIGHT!?
WHICH REMINDS ME! WHILE I WAS STILL IN DISGUISE, YOU GAVE ME THAT HINT ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?
PERHAPS THE AVERAGE PERSON WOULDN'T KNOW HOW LONG A PARROT LIVES FOR
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST SAID?
BECAUSE I PLACED TRACKING DEVICES ON THE REAL POLICE OFFICERS
YES.
BUT HOW WOULD THE CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN AND RAISED IN THIS MANSION *NOT* BE AWARE OF SUCH A THING?
AND WHY IS THAT?
YOU'VE LIVED HERE ALL YOUR LIVES, AND YOU DON'T KNOW HOW OLD YOUR *OWN* PET IS?
T-THAT'S-

YOU'RE ALL COM-PLETE *FAKES!!*
BECAUSE YOU THREE AREN'T RESIDENTS OF THIS MANSION!!


BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE SAFE, SO YOU SWITCHED YOURSELVES OUT WITH THE REAL RESIDENTS OF THE MANSION
MOST LIKELY, YOUR GOAL WAS TO MAKE OFF WITH THE INHERITANCE
AND CALLED ON ME, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU FAILED

YOUR HANDS.
WHERE'S YOUR PROOF!?
THAT'S JUST UTTER NONSENSE!!
AND YET YOUR HANDS ARE ALL SMOOTH. TOO SMOOTH FOR MUSICIANS.
THEY'VE BEEN PLAYING INSTRUMENTS SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN, AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE CALLUSES ON THEIR HANDS FROM SUCH!
FROM MY DATA, THE THREE SIBLINGS OF THIS HOUSE ARE ALL COMPOSERS AS WELL.
URK
IS WHAT A DETECTIVE IS!!
A BEAST WHO TEARS THROUGH MYSTERIES SHROUDED IN DARKNESS WITH THE FANGS OF REASONING
I TOLD YOU, DION'T I?

……。
'TCH. YOU AND YOUR UNNECESSARY DEDUCTIONS!
NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT!!

This's got nothing to do with me So I'll let you guys settle it amongst yourselves.
Au revoir!

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HEY HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS..!?

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, JOKER!!

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LEAVE THE TREASURE AND GO!!
OR DO YOU NOT CARE ABOUT YOUR LITTLE FRIEND!?
I FOUND SOME PEOPLE TRAPPED IN THE BASEMENT, AND THEN I WAS HIT FROM BEHIND...
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I'M SORRY!
HACHI !?
COME QUIETLY OVER HERE AND HAND OVER THE "SHEET MUSIC FOR THE MOONLIGHT SUITE"!!
NOW, WHAT'LL YOU DO!?
KH-

HOLD IT!!
HERE, JUST TAKE IT.
GOOD GRIEF

GIVE IT TO THE DETECTIVE, AND HAVE HIM HAND IT OVER.
WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO USE SOME DIRTY TRICK ON US

WAH-!!
MORON! DON'T COME OVER HERE!
SEE!? I'M GIVING IT TO HIM, OKAY!!?
EEP~ DON'T SHOOT!

UWAA AH-!!
WITH THIS, THE MUSIC SCORE IS OURS!!
WHAT AND IDIOT! HE'S SURPRISINGLY COWARDLY FOR A PHANTOM THIEF!!
THERE'S SOMETHING STUCK TO THE PIECES OF PAPER?
WHAT?
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TAKE THIS!!!
-HEAVE HO!!
RIGHT!!
NOW, DETECTIVE!!
IT'S BEEN WEAVED THROUGH THE SHEET MUSIC, ALLOWING ME TO LOOP IT AROUND YOU THREE!!
THAT STRING IS PIANO WIRE!! (A STURDY STRING USED FOR PIANOS)
Connected one by one
WHA-AT!?
パシッ!

THOUGH WE WORKED PRETTY WELL TOGETHER THIS TIME
AU REVOIR, DETEC-TIVE!
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パラ
WAHAHAHAHA! I'LL BE TAKING "SHEET MUSIC FOR THE MOONLIGHT SUITE"!

怪盗ジョーカー
MASTERPIECES JOKER

◀ THE SEALED TIMBRE ▶

FIN

PHANTOM THIEF JOKER

# CHARACTER ENCYCLOPEDIA

## Kyoutarou Hayami

Age: 17 Blood type: AB Star sign: Aquarius

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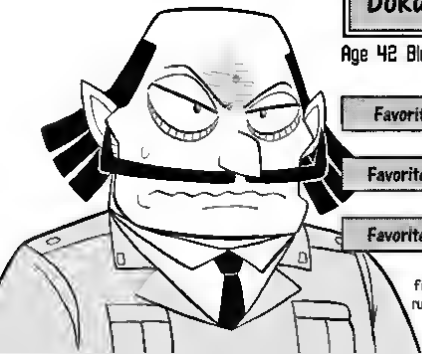
|---|---|
| Favorite food | Dango |
| Favorite novel | The Fiend with 21 Faces |
| Favorite game | The Legend of Zelda |

While a high school student, he's resolved many cases, becoming someone often called upon by the police for help in investigations. Each time he has to take time off school, and because of this, his grades are only barely above passing.

## Dokusaburou Oniyama

Age 42 Blood type: A Star sign. Scorpio



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|---|---|
| Favorite food | Fruit parfait |
| Favorite drama | Bark at the Sun* |
| Favorite singer | Saburou Kitajima |

Lives together with his wife and daughter. His wife is a former policewomen with expert marksmanship. There are rumors that when he was younger he had long, flowing hair. He often goes out shopping with his daughter, Haruka.

*An old, long-running Prime-Television detective series in Japan

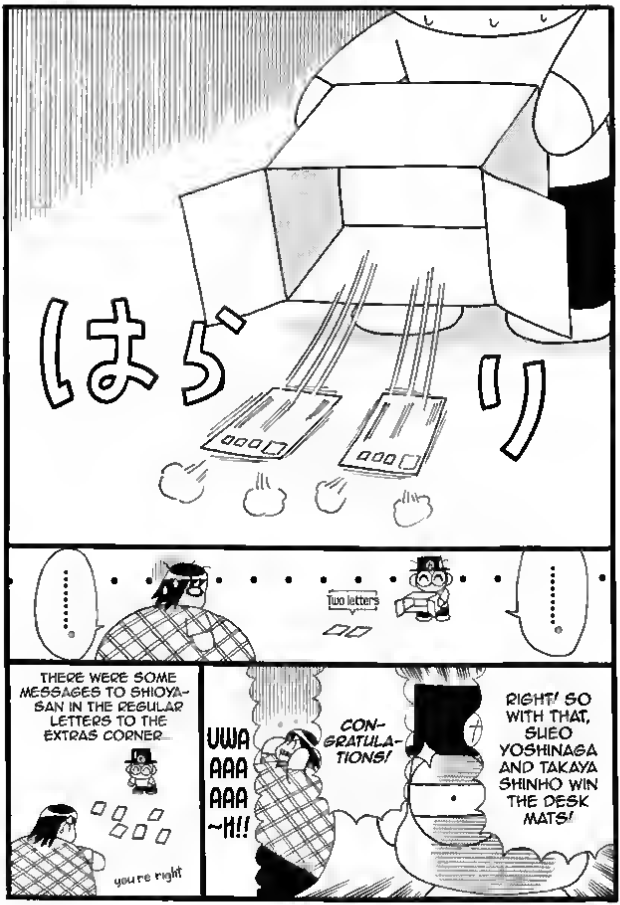
# EXTRAS CORNER

# おまけコーナー 10

SUMMARY OF LAST TIME:
THE EDITOR OF JOKER, SHIOYA-SAN, ATE TOO MUCH AND BECAME OVERWEIGHT!
This might be a bit sudden but we'll be continuing on from the 9th volume's extras corner
Thank you for reading volume 10, everyone!
THAT'S WHEN HE MADE A RESOLUTION.
I'VE DECIDED I'LL GO ON A DIET UNTIL VOLUME 10 IS RELEASED!!
MY GOAL IS 132 POUNDS!!
ドーン
WE'LL BE HOLDING A LOTTERY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SEND LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, AND FIVE LUCKY WINNERS WILL RECIEVE A SPECIALLY-MADE KAITOU JOKER MAT!
ADDRESS THE LETTERS TO HERE
WILL SHIOYA-SAN REALLY BE ABLE TO LOSE ALL THAT WEIGHT?!
FIND OUT NEXT TIME IN VOLUME 10.
SO WAS HE ABLE TO RETURN TO HIS FORMER, SLIM SELF?
I BET YOU'RE ALL DYING TO KNOW
WELL THEN, LET'S CALL HIM!!
READY, AAAND...
SHIOYA-SAAAAN!!

OOOH! HE DID IT!!
Here I aaam! 😊
YOU REALLY WORKED HARD, HUH?
WELL- IT'S ALL THANKS TO JOGGING EVERY SINGLE DAY AFTER WORK
VICTORY!!
CONGRATULATIONS, SHIOYA-SAN!!
UMMM~
PLEASE WAKE UP, SHIOYA-SAN!

A DREEAAAMMM?!!?
GASP!!
THE EXTRAS CORNER HAS STARTED.
AND REPLACED ALL THE MEAT IN MY MEALS WITH FISH!?
EVEN THOUGH I JOGGED!?
WHYYYYY!!
YOU DIDN'T LOSE THE WEIGHT, HUH?
RATHER DID YOU GAIN MORE?
JUST LOOK AT HOW MANY LETTERS WE COLLECTED FROM LAST TIME CHEERING YOU ON!
PLEASE CHEER UP
LETTERS
Grilled fish and tenpura hotpot is so goood!
Whew~ I ran so much I'm starving!
Well I mean
Oh boy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two letters
THERE WERE SOME MESSAGES TO SHIOYA-SAN IN THE REGULAR LETTERS TO THE EXTRAS CORNER...
you're right
UWA AAA AAA ~H!!
CON-GRATULA-TIONS!
RIGHT! SO WITH THAT, SUEO YOSHINAGA AND TAKAYA SHINHO WIN THE DESK MATS!

# EXTRAS CORNER おまけコーナー 10

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SO WHAT HAPPENED?
sure...
WHY DON'T I WRITE ABOUT A TIME I RECENTLY HAD TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER!
IT WAS LAST YEAR IN DECEMBER...
W-WHOA THERE, WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
ぶわあ
IT'S A WONDERFUL PARTY WHERE A LOT OF MANGA ARTISTS AND THEIR EDITORS GATHER.
EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME, SHOGAKUKAN* HOSTS A PARTY.

*THE PUBLISHER FOR CORO CORO COMIC, THE MAGAZINE JOKER APPEARS IN

BUT IF I DON'T DO THIS, I WON'T MAKE MY NEXT DEADLINE!!
I WISH I COULDVE GONE~
.....
THINKING OF IDEAS AT MCDONALD'S.
WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO MEET THE OTHER MANGA ARTISTS OF THE MAGAZINE I LIKE SO MUCH.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FOOD THEY HAD AT THE PARTY?
IN FIVE HOURS I WAS ABLE TO MAP OUT ABOUT HALF OF A CHAPTER.
カラ…ポ
I FORGOT MY BAG WITH ALL MY STUFF IN IT~!!!
Even the notebook I used to write about the chapter!!
BAG
IT WAS THEN I ABRUPTLY REALIZED SOME-THING
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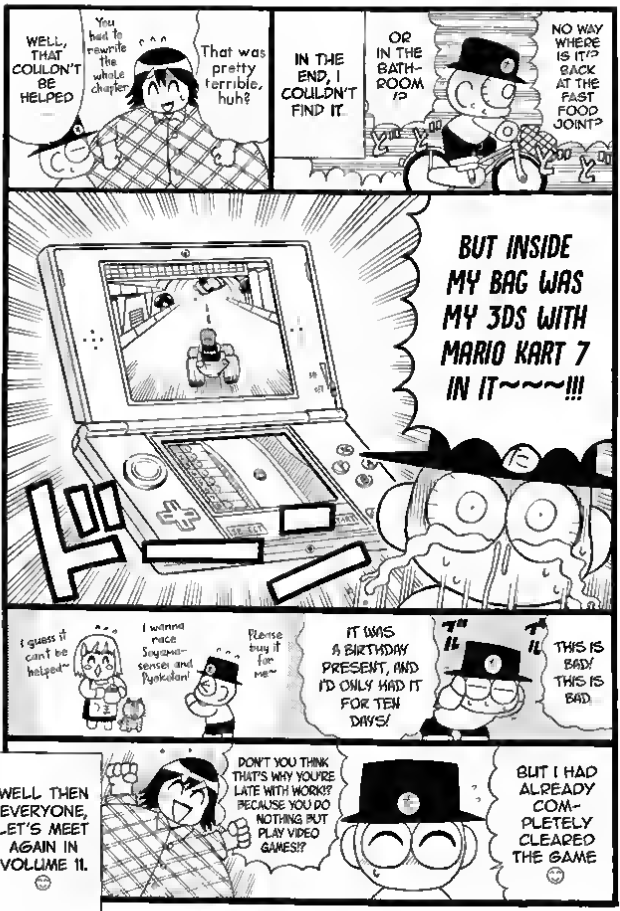
WELL, THAT COULDN'T BE HELPED
You had to rewrite the whole chapter
That was pretty terrible, huh?
IN THE END, I COULDN'T FIND IT
OR IN THE BATH-ROOM !?
NO WAY WHERE IS IT!? BACK AT THE FAST FOOD JOINT?
BUT INSIDE MY BAG WAS MY 3DS WITH MARIO KART 7 IN IT~~~!!!
I guess it can't be helped~
I wanna race Sayama-sensei and Ryokolan!
Please buy it for me~
IT WAS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, AND I'D ONLY HAD IT FOR TEN DAYS!
THIS IS BAD! THIS IS BAD
WELL THEN EVERYONE, LET'S MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 11.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LATE WITH WORK!? BECAUSE YOU DO NOTHING BUT PLAY VIDEO GAMES!?
BUT I HAD ALREADY COM-PLETELY CLEARED THE GAME